

SENATE BILL 2883
By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-415, relative to the incidents involving life-threatening food allergies in schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-415, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (f):

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(1) Not later than January 1, 2007, the department of education, in conjunction with the department of health, shall develop and make available to each LEA guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies. The guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to:

(A) Education and training for school personnel on the management of students with life-threatening food allergies, including training related to the administration of medication with a cartridge injector;

(B) Procedures for responding to life-threatening allergic reactions to food;

(C) A process for the development of individualized health care and food allergy action plans for every student with a life-threatening food allergy; and

(D) Protocols to prevent exposure to food allergens.

(2) Not later than July 1, 2007, each LEA shall implement a plan based on the guidelines developed pursuant to subdivision (1) for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies enrolled in the schools under its jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.